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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 13 August 1965

Cline tabled two memos, one on Soviet wheat purchases and another on Soviet missile submarines. (See Action item 1) He reported that a China Intelligence Study Group had been set up within the Intelligence Directorate which will facilitate the cross fertilization of the various experts. (See Action item 2) He noted that a joint CIA/DIA damage assessment on the bombings in North Vietnam was under way, but the Agency was proceeding with caution.

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R. Jack Smith briefed on the present situation in Duc Co; [redacted]

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[redacted] he tabled a weekly article on the Soviet predicament in Vietnam.

Abbot Smith reported that the study of logistics support to the Viet Cong was being supervised by General Collins.

Warner noted that Congressman Rodino had breakfasted at Headquarters yesterday.

Parrott noted that there were to be two new members of the President's Board.

DDCI reported that Mahon would like a briefing on China at his next briefing.

[redacted] reported on a conversation he had had with Komer regarding the NSAM [redacted]

Wheelon reported on his meeting at the Pentagon this morning which concerned expediting [redacted] used in the U-2 for the USN. He also reported that he had met with Harold Brown this morning.

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Actions:

1. DCI instructed that the memo on Soviet missile submarines be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and any other elite distribution deemed appropriate. (DDI)

2. DCI instructed that a representative of the SAVA be invited to attend meetings of the China Intelligence Study Group. (DDI)

4. DCI requested that further information be developed on the Pentagon's plans for expansion of the US commitment in South Vietnam, this would include further deployment of US ground forces and plans to significantly augment US aircraft in the area. He also requested that thought be given a scenario on Bloc reaction to the above. (ONE)

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